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The Importance Of The Gospel

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The Importance of the Gospel (1)

Intro: ^{Power} Rom. 1:13-18. ^{story of Jesus} I Cor. 15:1-2. ^{God's Grace} II Tim. 1:8-9.

Statement: To ascertain the Imp. of the Gospel we must establish two things:
1. What the Gospel Is.
2. What the Gospel Does.

I what the Gospel Is:

Research:

GR. Good Tidings. GR. God's Story. Good News.
Good Message. Christ's Message.

whole N.T. Just Your Books of the N.T.
any of the first four books of the N.T.

Imp!
N.T.:

- Also: Gospel of Hope (Col. 1:5, 23) (8)
- " " Peace (Eph. 6:15.)
- Gospel of Assurance (I Thes. 1:5.)
- " " Afflictions. (II Tim. 1:8.)
- Gospel of Grace. (Acts 20:24.)
- " " God. (Rom. 1:1.)
- Gospel of Christ. (Mark 1:1.)
- Gospel of Glory. (II Cor. 4:4.)

20. Scripture speaks to all of life—therefore, our music may speak to every aspect of living. However, it must be based upon not contrary to God's Word in principle, ethic, content and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

No gospel, no: Hope - Peace - assurance - Grace or Glory.

II What the Gospel Does:

A. I suggest it does three things:

1. It: attracts - Convicts and Motivates.

Basic Foundation Principle:

"The POWER in the Gospel is our HOPE in Christ."

1. The Gospel Attracts:

- a. acts 2:37. Pentecost Jews concerned.
- b. acts 16:30. Philippian Sailer desperate.
- c. acts 9:6. Saul - trembling. me too?
- d. John 12:21. Greeks attracted to Gospel.
- e. John 12:19. Pharisees: witnesses to this.

"Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold the world is gone after him."

2. The Gospel Convicts: Feb. 4/12.

- a. acts 2:37. Pricked - cut - stung - moved - pierced - crushed - stabbed - shocked - stunned.
- Paul - acts 9:9. 3 days without sight, food or drink. ^{crushed!}
- Simon - acts 8:13, 18-24. Repented + begged.
- Cornelius - acts 10:1-8. all cornelius needed was guidance.

Prov. 23:23. "Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, instruction and understanding."

3. The Gospel Motivates *The Practical Side*

- A. a. Personal: Led me to baptism & 12.
- b. Led me to lead 3 best boy-friends to Christ - immediately.
- c. Led me to seek the Kingdom of Christ first in my life.
- d. Led me go to a Chr. School for prep. for a career.
- e. Led me to vow to only date Christian girls & only marry a Christian.
- f. Led me to enter the ministry as ill-prepared for it as I was.
- g. Led me to persevere in the ministry through thick & thin - vowing to share the Word as long as the Lord gives me breath.

B. Jack Barton - *motivated-mightily.* Clear Park - Houston. Chemical-salesman to oil field drillers. Personal-policy: No cussing around him at drill-sights. I convert to Christ in Tulsa, Okla.: a best friend in the business. Completed the Christian-family-circle.

C. Elza McJadden. *Totally-motivated.* Elder - 60 yrs. Beehiveville, Ark. Soy-bean country! Crop dusters fertilized his fields! One day Maggie Sue Barnes accosted him:

"I'm going to sue you, Mr. McJadden. your planes chemicals blew into my field & will kill my crop!" McJadden (82 yrs.) "Here, here Maggie Sue - just verify your damage & bring me the bill." *She had bumper? crops. Really awed him.*

D. The Gospel Evangelists
Athiests. Unbelievers!!

Ill. Kat. #1. P. 317. Preacher said a few words at an open air meeting. at close athiest challenged him to a debate. offered to bear all expenses in rented hall + adv. Preacher: "I accept your challenge - on one condition: you bring me 50 people who have benefited by your philosophical-religion of atheism. I'll meet you there with the testimony of 50,000-plus whose lives have been transformed by the love + the Gospel of Christ. We will let the results of our beliefs decide, the debate. There was no debate!

Jesus wins over + over!! Now and forever - thru His Gospel of Love - Peace - and Joy!